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Informant was discussing the possible measures the Soviets would take should the decisions of the London Conference be ratified and carried out by the West. According to informant, the Soviet Government would proceed to rearm East Germany overtly and would afford this move considerable publicity in the press. Besides rearming East Germany, the Soviet Union would probably send it military supplies, advance it credits, and enter into special agreements with it. Furthermore, the Soviet Government would most likely break off all negotiations over an Austrian peace treaty and also decide to keep its troops in Austria. The latter would be primarily a military consideration, since the Soviet Union would not withdraw its troops from areas adjacent to the borders of a rearmed West Germany.

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